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ON JUNE 15, AMBASSADOR PETRIC DELIVERED FOLLOWING NOTE
REGARDING JUNE 14 CROAT NATIONALIST TERRORIST ATTACK ON
YUGOSLAVIA'S MISSION TO UN TO AMBASSADOR LEONARD:

QUOTE

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THE PERMANENT MISSION OF THE SOCIALIST FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF
YUGOSLAVIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS
TO THE UNITED STATES MISSION TO THE UNITED NATIONS AND PROTESTS
MOST STRONGLY AGAINST THE CRIMINAL AND COWARDLY ATTACK
PERPETRATED AGAINST THE PERMANENT MISSION OF THE
SOCIALIST FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF YUGOSLAVIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS
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IN NEW YORK ON 14 JUNE 1977, BY THE FASCIST CRIMINALS JOZO
BREKALO, MARIJAN BUCONJIC AND VLADIMIR DIZDAR, IN WHICH MR.
RADOMIR MEDIC, A MEMBER OF THE MISSION STAFF, WAS CRITICALLY
WOUNDED AND THE LIVES OF OTHER MEMBERS OF THE MISSION
THREATENED. THE FORCIBLE IRRUPTION OF THESE CRIMINALS CREATED
A SITUATION IN WHICH THE EXTERRITORIALITY OF THE YUGOSLAV
DIPLMATIC MISSION WAS VIOLATED.

THE UNITED STATES MISSION IS FULLY AWARE THAT THIS CRIMINAL ACT - THE MOST SERIOUS AND TRAGIC SO FAR - IS ONLY THE LAST IN A SERIES OF ATTACKS PERPETRATED BY FASCIST USTASHI CRIMINALS AGAINST YUGOSLAV OFFICIAL MISSIONS AND THEIR REPRESENTATIVES IN THE UNITED STATES IN RECENT YEARS. THERE IS NO NEED TO ENUMERATE ALL THE PARTICULARS IN CONNEXION WITH THESE ATTACKS, AS ALL THE FACTS - VIOLENT DEMONSTRATIONS, ATTEMPTS TO PENETRATE INTO THE MISSION PREMISES, PLANTING OF BOMBS, WOUNDING OF YUGOSLAV REPRESENTATIVES AND SIMILAR CRIMINAL ACTS - ARE WELL KNOWN TO THE UNITED STATES MISSION TO THE UNITED NATIONS, TO THE FEDERAL AUTHORITIES OF THE UNITED STATES AND TO THE OFFICIAL ORGANS OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK. ALL THE YUGOSLAV OFFICIAL PROTESTS LODGED AT THE TIME OF THESE ORGANIZED CRIMINAL ACTIONS AND ALL THE PROMISES OF OFFICIAL UNITED STATES AUTHORITIES THAT THEY WOULD EXERT THE NECESSARY EFFORTS TO APPREHEND AND PUNISH THE PERPETRATORS AND PREVENT SUCH ACTS IN FUTURE HAVE NOT CHANGED THE UNSATISFACTORY SITUATION, AS MOST EVIDENTLY PROVED BY THIS LATEST CRIME.

THIS SHOWS - AS THIS MISSION HAS REPEATEDLY POINTED OUT IN ITS NOTES - THAT THE TOLERANCE OF THE CRIMINAL ACTIVITY OF FASCIST USTASHI REMNANTS IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AGAINST YUGOSLAVIA IS RESULTING IN AN EVER GREATER ESCALATION OF THESE ACTIONS WHICH THREATEN THE LIVES AND IMPEDE THE NORMAL WORK OF YUGOSLAV REPRESENTATIVES IN THE UNITED STATES.

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THE UNITED STATES MISSION IS AWARE THAT THE PROTECTION OF THE LIVES AND PROVIDING OF NECESSARY CONDITIONS FOR THE UNIMPEDED WORK OF THE YUGOSLAV MISSION TO THE UNITED NATIONS IS AN OBLIGATION OF THE HOST COUNTRY AND THAT THE ATTITUDE OF THE HOST COUNTRY TOWARD THE SOCIALIST FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF YUGOSLAVIA IS ASSESSED IN THE LIGHT OF ITS READINESS TO CARRY OUT ITS OBLIGATIONS EFFECTIVELY. UNFORTUNATELY, THIS HAS BEEN THE BASIC ELEMENT THAT HAS EXERCISED A NEGATIVE IMPACT ON YUGOSLAV - UNITED STATES RELATIONS. IT IS OBVIOUS THAT THE MEASURES TAKEN BY THE UNITED STATES AUTHORITIES SO FAR WITH A VIEW TO PREVENTING SUCH ACTS HAVE BEEN INADEQUATE.

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THE CRIMINAL ACTIVITY OF USTASHI CRIMINALS IS
DIRECTED BOTH AGAINST YUGOSLAVIA AND AGAINST THE DEVELOPMENT
OF FRIENDLY RELATIONS BETWEEN YUGOSLAVIA AND THE UNITED
STATES. THE ATTACK TOOK PLACE ON THE EVE OF THE OPENING OF
THE BELGRADE MEETING OF THE CONFERENCE ON SECURITY AND
CO-OPERATION IN EUROPE AND FOLLOWING THE POSITIVE DEVELOPMENT
OF YUGOSLAV - UNITED STATES RELATIONS, AS INDICATED IN THE
STATEMENTS OF PRESIDENT CARTER AND DURING THE TALKS OF
VICE-PRESIDENT MONDALE IN BELGRADE. AS THE TOLERANCE OF THE
ACTIVITY OF FASCIST USTASHI GROUPS IS OBVIOUSLY NOT IN ACCORD
WITH THE PROCLAIMED POLICY OF THE UNITED STATES TOWARD
YUGOSLAVIA, NOR WITH THE ASSURANCES GIVEN TO THE YUGOSLAV
GOVERNMENT BY THE MOST RESPONSIBLE PERSONALITIES OF THE
UNITED STATES, THIS MISSION HAD RIGHTLY EXPECTED THAT SUCH
ATTACKS WOULD NOT BE REPEATED AND THAT THE UNITED STATES
WOULD, AT LAST, TAKE ADEQUATE MEASURES FOR CHECKING
EFFECTIVELY THE CRIMINAL ACTIVITY OF USTASHI GROUPS. IT IS
TO BE NOTED WITH GREAT REGRET THAT THE HOST COUNTRY HAD
FAILED, THIS TIME ALSO, TO TAKE APPROPRIATE MEASURES, WHICH
LED TO THE KNOWN TRAGIC EVENTS.

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THE MATTER IS EVEN MORE SERIOUS IN VIEW OF THE
FACT THAT THE OFFICIAL AUTHORITIES OF THE UNITED STATES, IN
NEW YORK AND WASHINGTON, HAD BEEN WARNED BEFORE THIS ATTACK,
AS IN ALL PREVIOUS CASES, THAT THERE WERE CLEAR INDICATIONS
POINTING TO THE PREPARATION OF CRIMINAL ACTIONS AGAINST
YUGOSLAV MISSIONS.

THE PERMANENT MISSION OF THE SOCIALIST FEDERAL
REPUBLIC OF YUGOSLAVIA PROTESTS MOST STRONGLY ONCE AGAIN
AGAINST SUCH A SITUATION AND DEMANDS THAT THE ARRESTED
CRIMINALS BE PUNISHED MOST SEVERELY AND WITHOUT DELAY.

THIS MISSION EMPHASIZED THAT EFFECTIVE MEASURES
OF PROTECTION SHOULD CONSIST, IN THE FIRST PLACE, IN
PREVENTING THE FELONIOUS ACTIVITY OF USTASHI CRIMINALS, WHICH
IS EVOLVING FREELY IN THE UNITED STATES UNDER THE QUISE OF
SO-CALLED POLITICAL ACTIVITY. IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO IMAGINE
THAT SUCH ACTIVITY - AFTER THE PERPETRATION OF A SERIES OF
CRIMES WHICH CLEARLY INDICATE THE CHARACTER, METHODS AND AIMS
OF FASCIST TERRORISTS - COULD BE INTERPRETED AS ANYTHING
ELSE BUT AS CRIMINAL AND CONTRARY TO THE LAWS OF THE UNITED
STATES. HAD SUCH MEASURES BEEN TAKEN, THE MOST RECENT ATTACK
AND CRITICAL WOUNDING OF A MEMBER OF THE MISSION STAFF WOULD
NOT HAVE OCCURRED AND THERE WOULD HAVE BEEN NO NEED FOR
MASSIVE INTERVENTION BY THE POLICE IN THE PREMISES OF THE
MISSION, TAKING PLACE AFTER THE CRIME HAD ALREADY BEEN
COMMITTED.

THIS MISSION CONSIDERS THAT THE HOST COUNTRY
IS FULLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS ACT AND ITS CONSEQUENCES.
THIS MISSION WILL SUBMIT TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA A
CLAIM FOR DAMAGES FOR THE CRITICAL WOUNDING OF ITS STAFF
MEMBER, MR. RADOMIR MEDIC, AND ITS CONSEQUENCES AS WELL AS
FOR THE ENTIRE DAMAGE DONE TO THE MISSION ITSELF IN THE
COURSE OF THIS CRIMINAL ACTION.

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